Sarojini Nagar, Laxmi Bai Nagar, Lodi Road and Gole Market. The defective meters are replaced on receipt of complaints from the consumers as also when these are detected by the staff on duty. However, the replacement of electro-mechanical meters by electronic meters, being a costly proposition, is being carried out in a phased manner.

(c) The existing arrangement is working statisfactorily and there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to assign this function in NDMC area to the private distribution companies.

(d) In order to discourage over-loading which is the primary cause of burning of meters, the cost replacement of burnt meters is charged to the consumers.

Recovery of antiques by Delhi Police

2460. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has recently recovered statues made of ashthadhatu, having invaluable antique importance stolen from a remote village of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the manner in which these statues were stolen and how those were recovered;

(c) whether taking advantage of drought condition prevailing in Rajasthan these antique thieves have targeted that State for their nefarious activities;

(d) whether some of the antiques have already been smuggled out of the country from some of the porous borders of Rajasthan; and

(e) the steps contemplated by Government to stop such trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.